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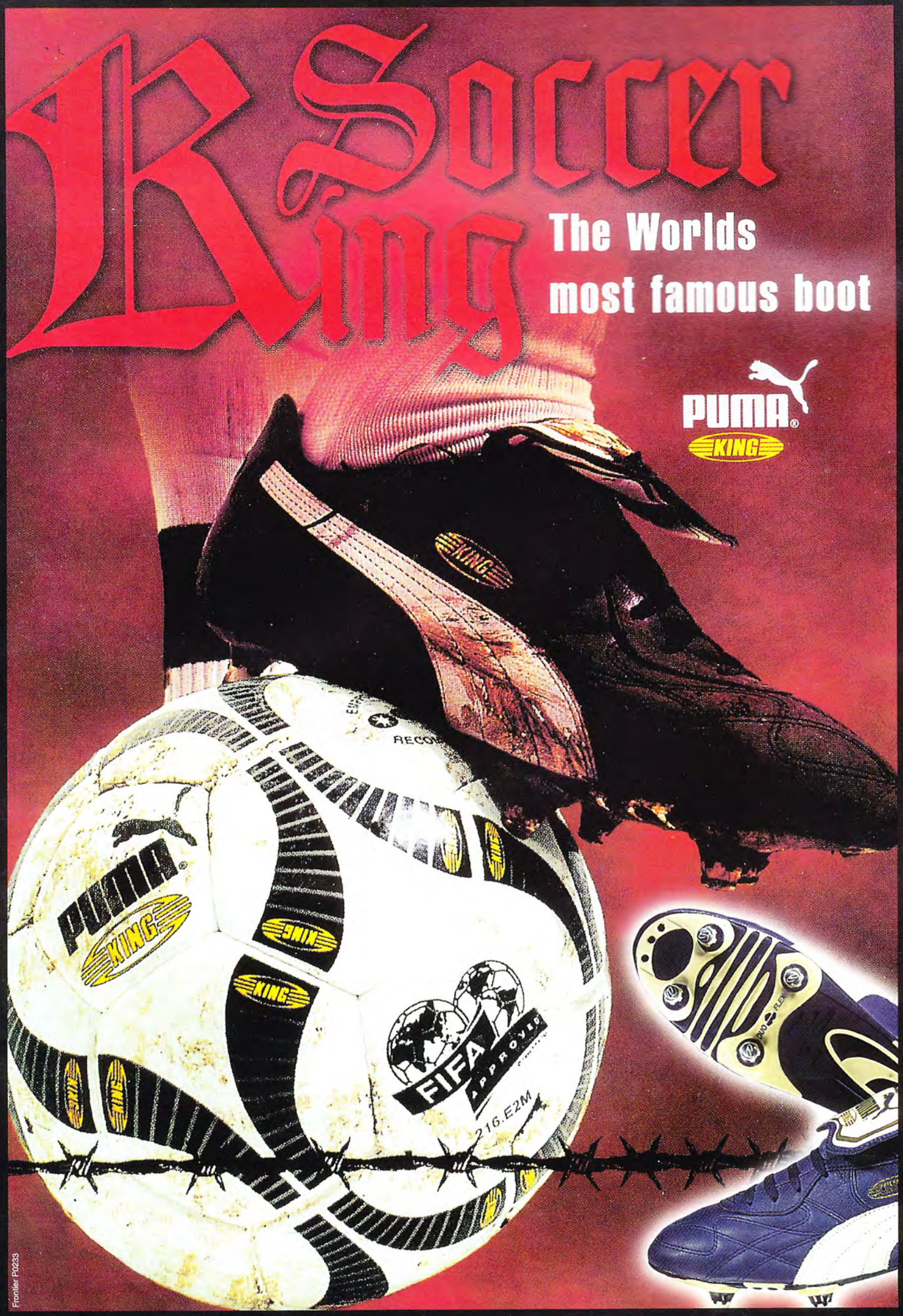
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the much awaited Round 7 clash between South Melbourne and Carlton, last year's champions against last year's runner-up. Over the last two years, the South Melbourne and Carlton clash has become the Victorian derby.

It is with pleasure that I welcome Jack Reilly, Athol Hodgetts, Eddie Krncevic and the Carlton team to the Bob Jane Stadium and wish them every success for the current season.

Last Tuesday, the club held a press conference at the Crown Casino where it was announced that Viviannes Collection extended their Major Sponsorship Agreement from two years to four years for a NSL record amount of $1 million. This type of sponsorship puts us at the forefront of Australian Soccer and among the elite of Australia's sporting organisations. It ensures our continued success both on and off the field, and helps direct resources to initiatives that will help maintain our standing as a progressive and innovative sporting Club.

On behalf of the South Melbourne Soccer Club, I wish to congratulate and sincerely thank Angelo Bouzis for his incredible support of the South Melbourne Soccer Club and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

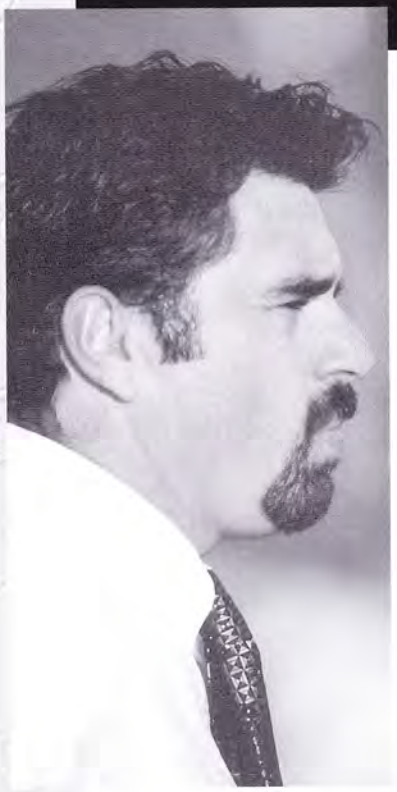
Today, we also honour Paul Trimboli on playing his 300th game for South Melbourne. Paul has been an incredible asset to the South Melbourne Soccer Club as a player and friend. We congratulate Paul on achieving this milestone and joining Steve Blair in this elite club.

South Melbourne Soccer Club has worked extremely hard to ensure that the sponsorship dollar is maximised. This year, the South Melbourne Soccer Club has performed admirably in this category. Where we need significant improvement is at the turnstiles. We need your help to increase our crowds to the 10,000 - 15,000 mark to be able to sustain a competitive team in the Ericsson Cup. With Perth Glory and Northern Spirit setting the bench mark, we must not let this continue and should all strive to earn our title of 'Crowd Kings'.

Our next home game is on Sunday, 6 December 1998 against Wollongong Wolves. We look forward to a big crowd.

George Vasilopoulos
President

COACH'S REPORT



Today's repeat of last years Grand Final certainly shapes up as our most exciting home game of the season so far. Last year's encounter showed there is more than just a small share of rivalry building between the two clubs, something which is great for the sport.

While both clubs haven't set the world on fire of late, I wouldn't be surprised if the rivalry continues in this year's finals.

Today is also special because it marks Paul Trimboli's 300th game for South Melbourne and he joins Steve Blair as the only other player to have done so. I have often said that no other player influenced me as much as Blairy and he will always have a special place in my heart. I am sure that a lot of people feel the same way.

Trimmers now joins my big mate in elite company. I can tell you he is not out of place. You will never find two better people as examples of what ability coupled with great character can achieve. These are two champions, who I have been fortunate enough to be associated with, and who should always be held in a higher regard than the rest of us who represented the club.

RECORD DEAL FOR SOUTH MELBOURNE

SOUTH Melbourne Soccer Club signed the largest club sponsorship deal in the history of the National Soccer League this week when it confirmed a $1 million deal with fashion label Viviannes Collection.

Viviannes Collection had signed a two-year deal with South Melbourne at the start of the 1998/99 season but confirmed its long-term commitment by signing for a further two years.

South Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos described the deal as a huge step forward for Australian soccer.

"This type of sponsorship puts us at the forefront of the domestic soccer competition in this country and among the elite of Australia's sporting organisations," Mr Vasilopoulos said. "It ensures our continued success both on and off the field and helps us to direct resources to initiatives that will help us maintain our standing as a progressive and innovative sporting club."

Viviannes Collection managing director Angelo Bouzis said he is looking forward to developing a long and rewarding association with South Melbourne.

"We're delighted to be associated with Australia's leading soccer club," Mr Bouzis said.

"Our financial commitment is a reflection of the respect we hold for the club's achievements and standing in the community."

Ericsson Cup general manager Stefan Kamasz said the deal signified the great strides the game is taking in Australia.

"Over the last few years we've seen the game become more and more professional," Mr Kamasz said.

"The injection of this type of financial commitment will undoubtedly enable South Melbourne to make significant progress.

"We would hope it marks the beginning of similar initiatives among other Ericsson Cup clubs."

The record sponsorship deal was officially launched at a luncheon at the Crown Casino last Tuesday.

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT TRIMMERS

Big bucks and rewarding career offers from Australia and abroad have not managed to lure Paul Trimboli away from South Melbourne. *Nicholas Tzaferis* asks the 300-game South Melbourne player just why he has knocked them all back to stay at Lakeside.

PAUL Trimboli is one of those rare blokes who come across far too infrequently in today's increasingly business-orientated world of sport.

He's been a gift for South Melbourne in a ruthless, dollar-driven game. Others, like John Markovski and Kresimir Marusic, have swapped more clubs than Tiger Woods; this afternoon Trimboli makes his 300th appearance for South Melbourne.

That feat is remarkable for any player but even more special in Trimboli's case. Trimboli has had to beat off interest from domestic and foreign clubs with more than a stick and has knocked back oodles of chances to play for other clubs.

So what is it about South Melbourne that has kept the dynamo at Lakeside?

"There's something about this club. I love the place," Trimboli says.

"The people always make the place. There's still people involved in the club now who were there when I started.

"The beauty of a club like South Melbourne is it is always filled with great characters."

Trimboli says the club has had a tradition of attracting great people such as Danny Wright, David Healy, Kimon Taliadoros and Paul Fernandes - players he has stayed in touch with since their departure from South.

The Socceroo, who once was driven to and from training by then captain Ange Postecoglou, has filled the hearts of South Melbourne fans for years on end.

Be it his wizardry, his skill or plain endeavor, Trimboli has always been one to excite.

But he says he never set out to forge such a distinguished career with South Melbourne.

"You don't set out to do it at the start but you find you enjoy yourself at the club. You have to be performing as well otherwise you can't stay at a club for so long. You have to contribute a bit," he says.

Trimboli players and officials can't be blamed for players swapping clubs too frequently in modern sport.

"A lot of people have to look after themselves and clubs have to make hard decisions," he says.

"I'm sure all clubs would like to hang on to some players forever but that can't always happen."

Glasgow Rangers and Manchester City are but a sprinkling of foreign clubs who have been interested in taking Trimboli away from Melbourne, while other national league giants have also thrown their hand up and dipped into their pockets for Trimboli's services.

Never taking up an overseas contract may weigh on Trimboli's mind once he retires, but not now.

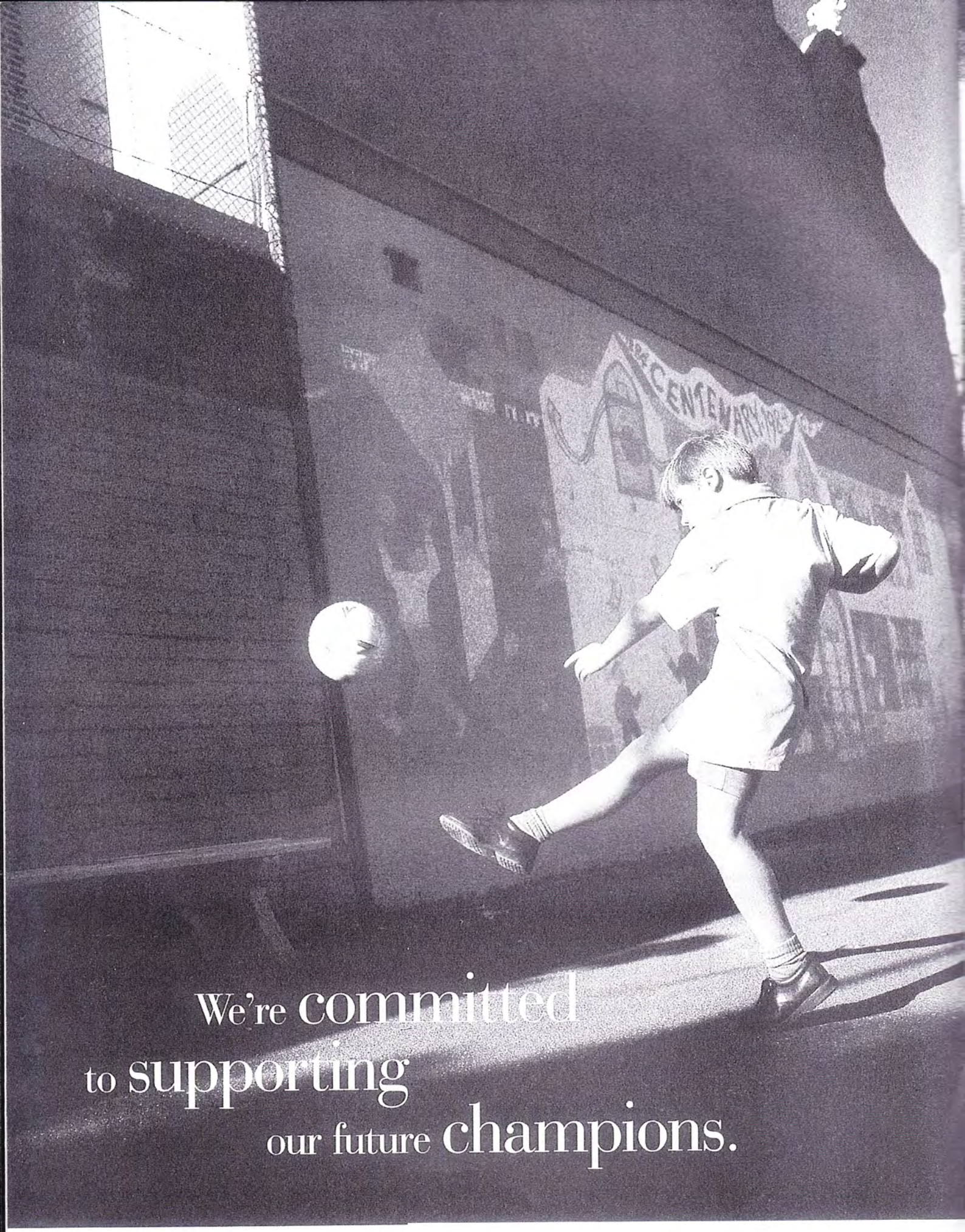
"I never took it (foreign interest) to the level I should have," Trimboli says.

"That could be one thing I'll look back on and maybe say, 'I should have gone'.

"But I have no regrets because I'm happy at South Melbourne. I'm a South Melbourne person."

Two championships, Warren Medals, club best and fairests, Socceroo distinctions and leading goalscorer prizes have all come Trimboli's way during his 300 games at South Melbourne. It has been one of Australian soccer's finest ever playing careers.

As South takes to the field this afternoon, there's no doubt that there'll be extra cheering for Trimboli. That is what any 300-game clubman can expect to receive, let alone one as breathtaking as Trimboli.



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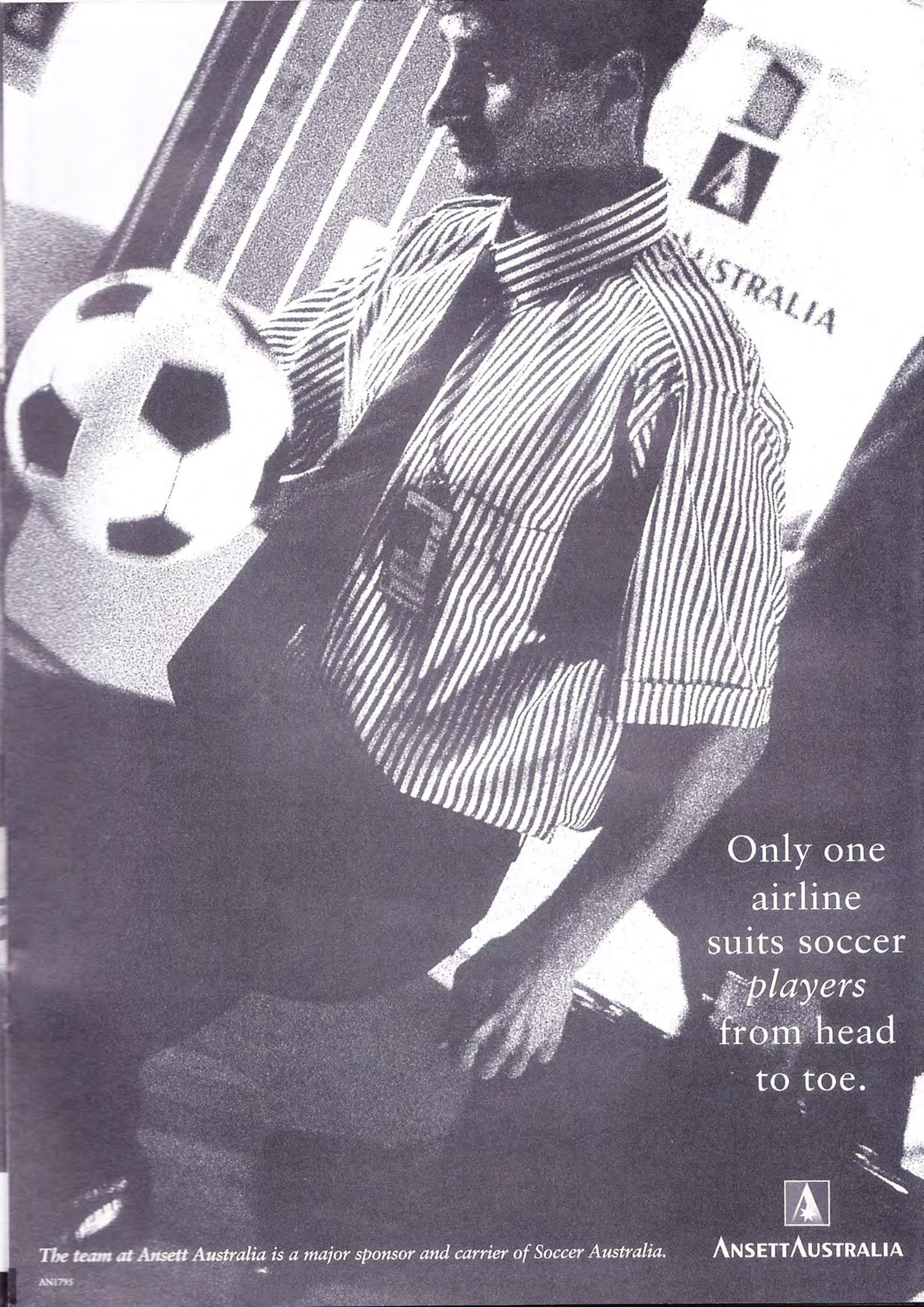
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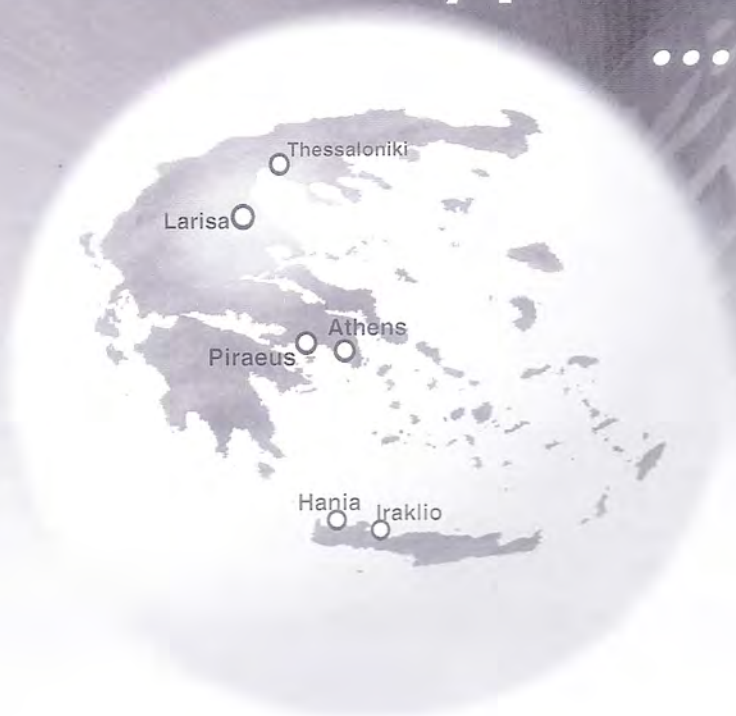

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1	11 Oct	Sun	Gippsland Falcons	H	5PM
2	18 Oct	Sun	Adelaide Sharks	A	8PM
3	25 Oct	Sun	Newcastle Breakers	H	6PM
4	31 Oct	Sat	Marconi Fairfield	A	7PM
5	8 Nov	Sun	Sydney Olympic	H	6PM
6	15 Nov	Sun	Perth Glory	A	5PM
7	22 Nov	Sun	Carlton	H	5PM
8	29 Nov	Sun	Melbourne Knights	A	3PM
9	6 Dec	Sun	Wollongong Wolves	H	6PM
10	13 Dec	Sun	Adelaide City	A	7PM
11	20 Dec	Sun	Northern Spirit	H	6PM
12	27 Dec	Sun	Brisbane Strikers	A	7PM
13	3 Jan	Sun	Sydney United	H	6PM
14	11 Jan	Mon	Canberra Cosmos	A	7PM
23	TBA		Perth Glory	TBA	
15	**17 Jan**	**Sun**	**BYE**	-	-

RND	DATE	DAY	GAME	H/A	TIME
16	23 Jan	Sat	Gippsland Falcons	A	7PM
17	26 Jan	Tue	Adelaide Sharks	H	6PM
18	31 Jan	Sun	Wollongong Wolves	A	6.30PM
19	7 Feb	Sun	Melbourne Knights	H	6PM
20	12 Feb	Fri	Newcastle Breakers	A	8PM
21	21 Feb	Sun	Marconi Fairfield	H	6PM
22	28 Feb	Sun	Sydney Olympic	A	6PM
23	**7 Mar**	**Sun**	**GRAND PRIX WEEKEND**		
24	14 Mar	Sun	Carlton	A	5PM
25	21 Mar	Sun	Adelaide City	H	6PM
26	26 Mar	Fri	Northern Spirit	A	7.30PM
27	4 Apr	Sun	Brisbane Strikers	H	6PM
28	11 Apr	Sun	Sydney United	A	5PM
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4 Nick ORLIC (DEF)	.....
5 Con BLATSIS (DEF)	.....
6 David CLARKSON (MID)	.....
7 Steve PANOPOULOS (MID)	.....
8 Vaughan COVENY (MID)	.....
9 Paul TRIMBOLI (STK)	.....
10 Michael CURCIJA (STK)	.....
11 John ANASTASIADIS (STK)	.....
12 Tansel BASER (DEF)	.....
13 Adrian CUZZUPE (MID)	.....
14 Jason POLAK (MID)	.....
15 Goran LOZANOVSKI (MID)	.....
16 George GOUTZIOULIS (MID)	.....
17 Jim TSEKINIS (STK)	.....
18 Robert LIPAROTI (DEF)	.....
20 Chris Jones (GLK)	.....
22 Mustafa MUSTAFA (STK)	.....

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GOALS RECORD: Paul Trimboli (89)
RECORD VICTORY: 7-0 v Newcastle Rosebud (1984)
RECORD DEFEAT: 7-0 v Marconi (1992/93)

	GOALS
1 Dean ANASTASIADIS	.....
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9 Alex MOREIRA	.....
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11 Andrew VLAHOS	.....
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HONOURS:
Grand Finalist (1997/98)
GAMES RECORD: Andy Vlahos (36)
GOALS RECORD: Andy Vlahos (13)
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CARLTON dynamo Andy Vlahos has fond memories of the Blues' first Ericsson Cup match at Bob Jane Stadium.
Carlton outgunned South Melbourne 5-0 in the final round of last season with Vlahos one of the architects. South, however, soon exacted revenge on the Blues, winning three straight, including the major crown.
Vlahos says the Blues are primed to give South Melbourne a real test this afternoon and perhaps repeat last season's Bob Jane Stadium triumph.
"Eddie Krncevic (coach) had spoken to us about this game two weeks ago and we knew we had to get the three points against Canberra last week to set us up for this," Vlahos says.
"The squad should be strengthened up with (Andrew) Marth and (Lubo) Lapsansky back so we're looking forward to it."
It is a different Carlton that will meet South Melbourne this afternoon to the side that battled so valiantly in last season's finals campaign.
Carlton is without John Markovski, who is now with Perth, and Northern Spirit recruit Kresimir Marusic, but boasts a new strike force with the Brazilian Alex Moreira and ex-Gippslander Joe Tricarico. The moves have seen Vlahos move to new territory on the left side of midfield.
"Markovski and Marusic may be missing but we're making up for it by working hard around the ground," Vlahos says.
Carlton have won three games from six and while many pundits doubt they will make the finals in their second season, the Blues have a different agenda.
"We need a win to go on top of South Melbourne and I think we can get it," Vlahos says.
"As for making the finals, there is a long way to go but we have the team to do it."

- NICHOLAS TZAFERIS

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1998-99 SENIOR SQUAD TEAM PROFILES

PAUL TRIMBOLI
Position: Striker
Born: 25.2.69
Height: 173cm
Weight: 72kg
NSL games: 318
Last Club: Sunshine GC
Internationals: Socceroo
Nickname: Trimmers
Shirt Number: 9

STEVE PANOPOULOS
Position: Midfielder
Born: 23.6.75
Height: 169cm
Weight: 68kg
NSL games: 108
Last Club: (Oakleigh) VIS
Internationals:
Nickname: Pana
Shirt Number: 7

ROBERT LIPAROTI
Position: Defender
Born: 2.04.78
Height: 193cm
Weight: 89kg
NSL games: 8
Last Club: Bulleen
Internationals:
Nickname: Lipa
Shirt Number: 18

GORAN LOZANOVSKI
Position: Midfielder
Born: 11.01.74
Height: 180cm
Weight: 88kg
NSL games: 143
Last Club: Collingwood
Internationals: Socceroo
Nickname: Loza
Shirt Number: 15

NICK ORLIC
Position: Defender
Born: 06.08.70
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 90kg
NSL game 121
Last Club: UTS Olympic
Internationals:
Nickname: Niko
Shirt Number: 4

JIM TSEKINIS
Position: Striker
Born: 08.05.75
Height: 177cm
Weight: 77kg
NSL games:
Last Club: Adelaide Sharks
Internationals: Young Socceroo
Nickname:
Shirt Number: 17

MICHAEL PETKOVIC
Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 16.07.76
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 80kg
NSL games 74
Last Club: Perth Kangaroos
Internationals: Socceroo
Nickname: Petka
Shirt Number: 1

JOHN ANASTASIADIS
Position: Striker
Born: 13.08.68
Height: 179cm
Weight: 78kg
NSL games: 49
Last Club: PAOK (Greece)
Internationals: Young Socceroo
Nickname:
Shirt Number: 11

FAUSTO DE AMICIS
Position: Defender
Born: 26.06.68
Height: 170cm
Weight: 65kg
NSL games: 171
Last Club: Melbourne Knights
Internationals: Socceroo
Nickname: -
Shirt Number: 3

MICHAEL CURCIJA
Position: Striker
Born: 27.06.77
Height: 183cm
Weight: 80kg
NSL games: 62
Last Club: AIS
Internationals: Olyroo
Nickname: Cij
Shirt Number: 10

CON BLATSIS
Position: Defender
Born: 06.07.77
Height: 192cm
Weight: 86kg
NSL games: 65
Last Club: AIS
Internationals: Olyroo
Nickname: Blats
Shirt Number: 5

ADRIAN CUZZUPE
Position: Midfielder
Born: 06.08.80
Height: 178cm
Weight: 72kg
NSL games:
Last Club: Green Gully
Internationals:
Nickname: -
Shirt Number: 13

VAUGHAN COVENY
Position: Striker
Born: 13.12.71
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 84kg
NSL games: 149
Last Club: Wollongong
Internationals: New Zealand
Nickname: Kiwi
Shirt Number: 8

GEORGE GOUTZIOULIS
Position: Midfielder
Born: 18.01.78
Height: 180cm
Weight: 74kg
NSL game 18
Last Club: Bentleigh Greens
Internationals: -
Nickname: Shaggy
Shirt Number: 16

STEVE IOSIFIDIS
Position: Defender
Born: 28.12.73
Height: 184cm
Weight: 75kg
NSL games: 60
Last Club: Heidelberg UTD
Internationals:
Nickname: Yosa
Shirt Number: 2

JASON POLAK
Position: Midfielder
Born: 09.01.68
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 80kg
NSL games: 188
Last Club: Brisbane
Internationals: Socceroo
Nickname: Jay
Shirt Number: 14

DAVID CLARKSON
Position: Midfielder
Born: 01.02.68
Height: 176cm
Weight: 70kg
NSL games: 138
Last Club: Happy Valley (HK)
Internationals:
Nickname: Clarky
Shirt Number: 6

TANSEL BASER
Position: Defender
Born: 17.04.78
Height: 190cm
Weight: 75kg
NSL games: 50
Last Club: Broadmeadows
Internationals: Olyroo
Nickname: -
Shirt Number: 12

MUSTAFA MUSTAFA
Position: Striker
Born: 22.08.79
Height: 178cm
Weight: 69kg
NSL games: -
Last Club: VIS (Melton Reds)
Internationals: -
Nickname: Mus
Shirt Number: 22

CHRIS JONES
Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 10.07.75
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 88kg
NSL games: 1
Last Club: Karingal United
Internationals: -
Nickname: Jonesy
Shirt Number: 20

COACHING STAFF 1998/99

ANGE POSTECOGLOU
Manager/Coach

CARL HALFORD
Assistant Coach

LEANDRO ZARKO
Assistant Coach

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Calm in a crisis, cool in a storm, Steve Iosifidis likes to exude certainty. *Nicholas Tzaferis* profiles the man who never presses the panic button.

STEVE Iosifidis may only be 24 but he is playing with the air of a defender of greater seniority.

That comes as little surprise for a player who had to sink or swim when he was one of the first signings made for the 1996/97 campaign by then new coach Ange Postecoglou. Iosifidis was signed from Premier League club Heidelberg where coach Dusan Brnovic had declared he would one day play for Australia. Even though he had played in the national league for the Bergers, Iosifidis had been a largely unheralded player. Despite that, Postecoglou later claimed Iosifidis, along with Danny Tiatto who signed for Melbourne Knights from Bulleen, have been "head and shoulders ahead of other players in the Victorian Premier League in recent years".

At South Melbourne, where quality was not short, Iosifidis had to make the grade or fail. Not only has he come up trumps, he has managed to forge a permanent position in the South defence. It is a role he has taken to with confidence that has steadily matured.

He attributes most of his confidence to the style mirrored by his coach.

" He makes you feel like that (confident). He's not the type of coach who will make you frightened," Iosifidis says.

"It gives you so much confidence that it makes you feel bad if someone dribbles past you out there.

"In the first year you've got the first year blues. You have to settle in and adjust to the supporters. Nerves were always a factor.

"In the second year I tended to block it out because we were on a mission especially after losing to Sydney United in the finals the season before.

"Now, after winning a championship, you feel a bit more comfortable. You don't feel nervous any more because you honestly feel like part of the club having contributed something so big."

Iosifidis may have won the major crown with South Melbourne last season but he would like to take the glory one further step.

"I'd love to win back-to-back championships because I'd love to go down in the history books in one of their all-time greatest teams," he says.

This afternoon, South Melbourne's championship mission sees it face Carlton in a repeat of the finals trilogy of 1997/98. A win would help atone for the heart-wrenching 2-1 loss to Perth Glory last Sunday.

"It's so unfortunate our supporters had no access to the game against Perth Glory on television because you would have seen we had 70 per cent of the play. Their supporters were cheering on throw-ins and free kicks," Iosifidis says.

"We can make up for it this afternoon. Regardless of how weak Carlton have been playing, they're coming up against us and they'll have that revenge thing. They'll be fired up."

If South is to claim the points today it must shore up in the defence where it has conceded ten goals in six games this season. Iosifidis says criticism of the defence so far is fair.

"Unfortunately we're still conceding soft goals," Iosifidis says.

"If we were to keep a clean sheet in every game we would win all of them because we're always going to score goals. We've proven that over the years."

Iosifidis remains confident his clean sheet theory will work this afternoon.

ERICSSON CUP TABLE & FIXTURES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
PERTH GLORY	6	5	1	0	15	5	16
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	6	4	1	1	15	7	13
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	6	3	1	2	11	8	10
SOUTH MELBOURNE	**6**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**12**	**10**	**10**
SYDNEY UNITED	6	3	1	2	9	8	10
CARLTON SC	6	3	0	3	13	6	9
Northern Spirit	6	3	0	3	5	8	9
Gippsland Falcons	5	2	2	1	4	3	8
Brisbane Strikers	6	2	2	2	10	10	8
Adelaide City	5	2	1	2	7	6	7
Adelaide Sharks	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Wollongong Wolves	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
Newcastle Breakers	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
Melbourne Knights	5	1	0	4	5	10	3
Canberra Cosmos	6	0	0	6	4	20	0

ROUND 7
Friday November 20
Newcastle Breakers v Marconi Fairfield
Saturday November 21
Brisbane Strikers v Adelaide City
Sunday November 22
SOUTH MELBOURNE v Carlton SC
Gippsland Falcons v Perth Glory
Adelaide Sharks v Sydney Olympic
Sydney United v Wollongong Wolves
Canberra Cosmos v Melbourne Knights

ROUND 8
Friday November 27
Northern Spirit v Brisbane Strikers
Sunday November 29
Melb Knights v SOUTH MELBOURNE
Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Breakers
Wollongong Wolves v Canberra Cosmos
Adelaide City v Sydney United
Perth Glory v Adelaide Sharks
Carlton SC v Gippsland Falcons

ERICSSON CUP ROUND 6 RESULTS
Adelaide City 2 (Mennillo, Kim) Northern Spirit 0
Perth Glory 2 (Miller, Kalogeracos) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Curcija)
Sydney Olympic 0 Gippsland Falcons 0
Wollongong Wolves 1 (Salapasidis) Brisbane Strikers 1 (S Cranney)
Carlton SC 3 (D Cervinski, Tricarico, Bresciano) Canberra Cosmos 0
Marconi 4 (Awaritefe, Maloney, McDonald, Trajanovski) Adelaide Sharks 0
Melbourne Knights 0 Sydney United 1 (Griffiths)

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